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Big man on campus

Former Army offensive line coach Stan Brock was introduced as the 35th head coach in Army football history Monday. Brock, a 16-year NFL offensive lineman, replaces Bobby Ross who retired after three years as the Black Knights mentor. [See related story on page 13]

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Army personnel eligible for MS Office

By Margaret McBride

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- All Army Soldiers and civilian personnel are now eligible for a licensed copy of Microsoft Office desktop applications to use on a home computer.

The only cost is for packaging, shipping and program administration. An Army

Knowledge Online account is required.

"In an information-based Army, this tremendous benefit helps our personnel be better trained in applications they use daily in units and offices," said Vernon M. Bettencourt Jr., deputy chief information officer for G-6.

Applications include Office for Windows and Mac, Visio, Project

and OneNote.

Soldier and civilians will pay approximately \$20 for what is typically several hundred dollars, Bettencourt said. The benefit stems from the Army Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement.

For more information, visit the Army Small Computer Program Web site at <https://ascp.monmouth.army.mil/scp/software/hup.jsp>.

Program makes grad school an option

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- The Advanced Civil School Program is offering graduate school opportunities to junior and soon-to-be officers to enhance critical skills throughout the Army.

The two-pronged program targets pre-commissioning cadets attending the U.S. Military Academy or in the Reserve Officer Training

Corps and currently serving company-grade officers with less than eight years of service.

"One of our focuses is to broaden the experiences of our officers through civilian education. If I can take an infantry officer and inculcate him with a grad program that broadens his outlook on the world, I've got a better infantry officer," said Col. Mark Patterson,

program director.

The program allows USMA and ROTC cadets in their senior years to apply, although they won't attend grad school until after selection for captain or between their sixth and 11th years of service.

After drawing 270 cadet applications last academic year, 371 cadets have applied so far this

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Lean Six Sigma training in full swing at USMA

By Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

West Point doesn't produce bombs or ammunition or upgrade vast amounts of Army equipment, nor does it ensure Soldiers are logistically capable of fighting a war.

However, the U.S. Military Academy is implementing the Army's Global Business Transformation initiative, called Lean Six Sigma, to help improve the quality, cost and speed of operations and processes.

The Secretary of the Army has said that in this challenging fiscal environment, it is important to take measured steps in order to control costs and ensure resources are applied to the most critical requirements.

The Army Materiel Command first employed the methodology of Lean Six Sigma in 2002 and saw a savings of \$110 million in fiscal year 2005. The principles are comprised of two complementary parts: Lean, which focuses on reducing waste or eliminating unnecessary steps to increase speed and productivity, and Six Sigma, which is the reduction of variation to improve quality.

West Point is now in the process of training its workforce in the Lean Six Sigma approach that was initially pioneered by Motorola in the 1970s and currently practiced by thousands of companies in the private sector.

"To sustain the force and transform the Army, we have to find efficiencies wherever we can and then take those savings and reapply them to other areas in the Army," said Lt. Col. John Zsido, USMA Business Transformation Office and Lean Six Sigma deployment director. "The resources that we save through [Lean Six Sigma] projects, whether it's optimizing transportation operations or streamlining staff or office service operations, will stay at West Point and can be redirected to other military requirements here."

Lean Six Sigma was launched at the academy in October with executive level awareness training and a projects sponsor workshop. The participants gained an understanding of Lean Six Sigma methodology and identified underperforming processes. A list of those processes was formed, and initial projects were selected from the list.

"As an outcome of the project sponsor workshop, we identified 61 potential projects," Zsido explained. "The academy leadership received this project list and from it selected ones that are of high value that will reap significant benefits for the academy." The personnel who will lead project efforts will go through either a Green Belt or Black Belt course.

The Green Belt and Black Belt students attend two- and four-week courses, respectively, of classroom time learning advanced problem-solving tools and techniques while simultaneously completing

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How to get your story in the *Pointer View*®

**Commentary by Linda Mastin
Editor**

Since I became editor of the *Pointer View* in October 2006, a large part of my job has been to tell people yes or no.

So I thought it was time to introduce myself.

I joined the Public Affairs Office here in February 2002, but have been in the marketing communications field since 1973 when I was a Second Lieutenant in the Army. I spent more than five years on active duty and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserves with 28 years of service. I have worked at defense, food and beverage and various manufacturing companies, as well as in market research.

I am an Army brat and daughter of a Class of '47 graduate and spent 16 years here from grade school through college. I have a fairly extensive knowledge of West Point's traditions and history and I really care about the academy.

Well, enough about me. Let's move on to the editorial policies of the *Pointer View*.

The *PV* is a weekly command information newspaper and not a civilian, First Amendment-type newspaper. Our purpose is to keep our readers informed about issues and events here and in the Army at large.

Since Oct. 1, 2002, the *Poughkeepsie Journal* has been

West Point's contractor for advertising sales, printing, subscriptions and distribution [including home delivery] of the *Pointer View*. The newspaper is divided up between approximately 60 percent stories and 40 percent ads, so the size of the paper is determined by the number of ads that *PJ* sells each week. The academy's contracting officer representative is the Public Affairs Office's Chief of Command Information, Irene Brown.

Our readership includes cadets, military and civilian staff and faculty, Soldiers, family members, civilian and contract employees, retirees of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, members of tenant units, parents of cadets, alumni and friends of the academy.

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Sources for news content are largely based on press releases and stories from DOD, DA, other federal agencies, as well as, the *Pointer View* staff, the academy's



Athletic Communications staff, the Association of Graduates, major activity directors, local commanders and public affairs representatives within the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

I have a staff of three - - Assistant Editor Jim Fox, Sports Editor Eric Bartelt and Staff Writer Kathy Eastwood.

The decision to cover or publish any story or event rests with me. Story ideas for assignment should be coordinated with me at least two weeks in advance, if at all possible. The *PV* staff does not provide event photo coverage for individuals. Also, if you have scheduled a DOIM photographer for an event, please arrange to have them send us photos as soon as possible after the event. A stand-alone photo with caption is often another way to get your story told.

Space constraints and the number of events and happenings here

means we don't have room for things like promotions, award ceremonies or retirements. But we would be happy to help you publicize your event in advance through our "What's Happening" section.

A good way to improve the chance of getting your story published is to write it yourself. Just contact me to contribute story ideas or actual stories and photos. The deadline for articles is no later than Tuesday 8 a.m. to be considered for publication on that Friday. As the editor, I reserve the right to edit all materials submitted for publication.

All stories should include the "who, what, where, when, why and how" of the story. Also include a point of contact, should we have questions. Stories also need to be timely. For instance, don't send us a story on Monday about something that happened Jan. 6. It is old news and we will not use it.

When selecting stories to publish I consider many things. Among them are significance, human interest, timeliness and urgency. Other determining factors include the positive or negative impact of the story; its conclusions and usefulness and the quality of writing.

We also welcome digital photos for publication as long as they meet certain standards. Photos should be color, at least 200 dpi and in .jpeg form. All photos should be sent to me via e-mail and include detailed caption information and the name and title of the photographer.

We also welcome letters to

the editor or commentaries. All letters must be signed and include the author's name and contact information for confirmation purposes. We will not publish any unsigned letters. Letters should not be longer than 300 words and commentaries may be about 600 words. Note: Both may be edited for length and are published at the discretion of the editor.

As a community newspaper, we want to highlight stories that affect people who live and work here. If you have questions about whether or not your story is 'newsworthy,' call me at 938-2015 or send me an e-mail to linda.mastin@usma.army.mil. We can brainstorm to determine the best way for you to get your story published or your event promoted.

SARP INFO

The members of the Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Team are Col. Jeanette McMahon, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Maj. Samantha Breton (USCC), Maj. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Lt. Col. Robbie Williams (Dean). Community members can e-mail McMahon at Jeanette.McMahon@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets can also call the sexual assault support helpline at (845) 591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call (845) 938-3369.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

Difficulty: Easy

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a project. A Green Belt project is smaller in scale and can take up to three months to complete, Zsido said, while a Black Belt project is a larger-scale, more complex project which can take up to six months to complete.

The academy kicked off its initial Black Belt training on Jan. 22 with an introduction by Ronald E. Rezek, special assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army for Business Transformation. Rezek stated that the Army's implementation of Lean Six Sigma is the largest business transformation initiative in the history of management science.

Right now, 29 Black Belt candidates are taking the four-week course and will receive their certification upon completion of a project. The first two-week Green Belt course will begin at West Point Feb. 26.

"We're looking to start Green Belts at West Point because of the large number of potential projects that are smaller in scope," Zsido said. "Black Belt and Green Belt students all receive formal training in class and then apply the knowledge between the classroom sessions as they lead their project teams. In each respective session, they are exposed to more advanced tools on a just in time basis," Zsido stated. "In the end, they finish the class and the project at the same time. That's how they get certified as a Black Belt."

Black and Green Belts brief their respective project sponsors with "toll gate reviews" throughout the process. To get certified, Black Belts and Green Belts must successfully conclude their projects.

Five cadets are currently working on a Green Belt project that involves the use of Lean Six Sigma to be completed by May 3 for Projects Day. Cadets 1st Class Patrick Devine, Maurice Dominquez, Wade Farrar, Leon Lee and Derek Price are Green

Belt candidates and are using the Lean Six Sigma method for their capstone Systems Engineering [SE400] project.

Lieutenant Col. Donna Korycinski, director of the Engineering Management Program, is overseeing the cadets on their Green Belt project and she will earn her Black Belt certification when they complete their project. The cadets spent the first semester meeting every other day learning the methods of Lean Six Sigma. This semester they are conducting their project.

"I'm mentoring them through their Green Belt project," Korycinski said. "We're all learning together."

Using the Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve and Control steps of Lean Six Sigma, the five cadets will try to help the Mess Hall accurately forecast how many cadets will show up to optional meals. Today, Mess Hall food planner Marion Voltaire has the difficult job of trying to forecast how many cadets will eat a given optional meal. The cadet project team thinks that improving information flow will help meal attendance forecasting to reduce waste and drive cost effectiveness.

"There are a lot of different factors as to why people go to meals or don't go to meals," Devine said. "Some cadets don't make the meal because they don't like what's being served, some are too lazy to go and so on."

"We want to format and standardize all the information that comes into Marion, which is the big issue," Farrar said. "A trend that we're seeing is the flow of information is all over the place and we need to streamline the flow of that information."

"It's best to put out an outline database and stop the paper-in-hand method," Farrar added. "What we're trying to do is have one single report form. Then, when the information gets to her, she can easily navigate the information coming in from all different angles."

"We're trying to make it online, so it's one click," Farrar continued. "The big part is getting everyone informed, especially when it involves more than 4,000 cadets."

While Korycinski is trained to

oversee the whole of the cadets' project, she acknowledges them as the workhorses who have gathered the analysis and data needed to try to improve a situation. And, that's the reasoning behind Lean Six Sigma and

this project -- to improve processes.

"It's amazing when you start to learn about Lean Six Sigma," Korycinski explained, "and know that you can use it everywhere to organize processes better and save money."

Charges preferred against cadet

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Charges were preferred Nov. 30, 2006, against Cadet 2nd Class Daniel Stratton, A Company, 3rd Regiment.

Stratton was formally charged with two violations each of Article 130 [Housebreaking], Article 121 [Larceny] and Article 112a [Wrongful Use of a Controlled Substance] of the Uniform of Code of Military Justice.

The charges concern entering another cadet's room without permission and using prescription pain medication belonging to another cadet. The charges carry a maximum punishment

of dismissal from the Army, total forfeiture of pay and allowances and 21 years of confinement.

Stratton will continue his regular duties and is not in pretrial confinement. The cadet is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a trial by court-martial. Cadets, like other members of the military, are subject to military law contained in the UCMJ, a federal statute.

Preferring charges against a service member is the first step in the court-martial process. The next step is a pretrial investigation pursuant to Article 32, which is similar to a civilian grand jury. The Article 32 pretrial investigation

hearing, however, provides greater procedural rights for the defendant: the right to be present during the public hearing, the right to present evidence, the right to cross-examine witnesses and the right to have a defense lawyer.

The pretrial investigation will be conducted by a military officer at West Point. The evidence obtained and the investigator's recommendation will be provided to a senior military officer who may then dispose of the case or recommend a trial by court-martial to the Superintendent, the senior officer at West Point.

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year.

Through the ACSP, the Army is now sending an additional 200 officers who have six years of Army experience to graduate school. Most of the 200 allocations, Patterson said, are delegated down to brigade commanders who can identify the

best candidates.

All applicants must agree to an increased active-duty obligation before selection.

For more information, visit <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protect/Active/opfamacs/ACS14.htm>.

\$50 million rehabilitation center opens at Fort Sam Houston

By Elaine Wilson
Special to American Forces
Press Service

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas -- Thanks to the generosity of 600,000 Americans, wounded warriors now have a \$50 million state-of-the-art physical rehabilitation facility.

The Center for the Intrepid, designed for servicemembers wounded in operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, opened Monday along with two new Fisher Houses during a ceremony that included speeches from Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Gen. Peter Pace and Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England. R. James Nicholson [USMA '61], secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs also spoke at the ceremony.

"There are those who speak about (wounded warriors) today -- 'He lost an arm. He lost a leg. She lost her sight.' I object," Pace told the injured troops in attendance. "You gave an arm. You gave a leg. You gave your sight as gifts to your nation that we might live in freedom."

The \$50 million center was built entirely using private funds through the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, which provides assistance to the nation's military heroes injured in the performance of duty and their families.

"This is a red letter day for this country and for the 600,000 Americans who have contributed a dollar, some more than a million dollars, to make sure our young men and women who have given so much to this country are aware the American people care about them," said Arnold Fisher, chairman of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. "They are our national treasure."

Both the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and the Fisher House Foundation, which makes the Fisher Houses possible, are members of the Defense Department's America Supports You program. The program works to highlight ways in which Americans support U.S. troops, veterans and their families.

Dozens of wounded warriors joined more than 3,000 guests at the grand opening. The guest list included Sens. Hillary Clinton and John McCain, country group Big & Rich, Rosie O'Donnell, Michelle Pfeiffer, producer David E. Kelley and top military leaders from all branches of service. Rock music star John Mellencamp performed during the ceremony.

Although the audience was packed with top military leaders and Hollywood celebrities, the wounded warriors received the longest round of applause, along with a standing ovation.

"It's amazing, truly amazing. It really shows the American people care," said wounded warrior Staff Sgt. Daniel Barnes, a bilateral amputee.

The four-story, 60,000-square-foot center was designed for wounded warriors like Barnes. Equipped with the latest rehabilitation technology, it is a potential athlete's dream. The facility includes an indoor running track, firing range, pool, two-story climbing wall, prosthetic center and a computer-assisted rehabilitation environment known as CAREN.

The environment comprises a dome with a four-meter platform and screen, simulating everything from a city sidewalk to a day on the lake so patients can improve their gait and balancing skills. The unit is one of nine in the world, and it is the only one in the United States.

The center will initially cater to amputees and burn patients injured in the Global War on Terrorism, but is hoped to expand to encompass retirees, family members and veterans.

"This is my son's (Ken Fisher) and my commitment and our mission," Fisher said. "We'll continue this as long as it's necessary. Our only wish is that a place like this someday, becomes a garage."

The two new Fisher Houses bring the on-post total to four. Fisher Houses serve as a home away from home for families of patients receiving medical care at



The Center for the Intrepid is a \$50 million, 60,000-square-foot state-of-the-art physical rehabilitation facility.

U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY CHERYL HARRISON

major military and Veterans Affairs medical centers.

The 21-room homes are built in the newer Fisher House style, with a sprawling 16,800 square feet, as opposed to 5,000-plus square feet. Families will be able to live in comfort and style as they care for their loved ones at [Brooke Army Medical Center] in homes that more closely resemble a Malibu mansion than temporary military housing. Each home has a kitchen even Martha Stewart would love, a formal dining room, several sitting rooms and elegant bedrooms equipped with DVD/VCR systems and flat screen TVs.

"What a privilege it is to render assistance to military families," said Ken Fisher, chairman of the Fisher House Foundation.

Pace echoed the sentiment. "Thank you to the families -- families of the fallen, families of the wounded; you sacrifice in ways that people who have not walked in your shoes can only imagine. When we are wounded, you are there to help put us back together. Those of you who are family members of fallen and of wounded [servicemembers] have served this country as well as anyone who has

ever worn the uniform."

Editor's Note: Wilson is assigned to the Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office.

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Community Features and Photos

Winter's finally here: It's time to think about safety on the ice

By Chris A. Reed
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Ready or not, winter is finally here. Usually by now the ice has built up on the lakes and everyone is already involved in their favorite ice activity. Although the cold weather was slow in coming, our mild weather has everyone's safety-guard down for activities like ice fishing, ice skating, snowmobiling or ATV riding on the frozen lakes.

I wanted to take a little time and remind everyone about the dangers of activities on our frozen bodies of water and what your West Point Fire & Emergency Services do to prepare for potential ice and cold water emergencies.

We need a long period of continuous cold temperatures before ice begins to form. Ice strength is based on the thickness or number of ice inches and the quality of the ice. Good quality ice is usually the product of a long hard cold spell and is called Clear Ice.

Below are some basic guidelines to aid in your decision to go out on



West Point Fire Department personnel perform ice rescue training annually.

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the ice. Remember, these are only guidelines and are based on Clear Ice created by long hard cold freezing temperatures. Ice thickness is not uniform everywhere on a lake and can change drastically over the ice surface area. To ensure their safety, users should drill holes at various locations near where they will be on the ice. Ice is about 9 percent less dense than water. This is why it floats.

Ice Guidelines [Based on CLEAR ICE only]:

■ **2 Inches** - One person moving quickly

■ **4 Inches** - One person standing/fishing/group walking.

■ **5 Inches** - Snowmobile/ATV-Quad

■ **8 Inches** - Light Auto (small car)

■ **12 Inches** - Light Truck

Obviously any motor vehicle on the ice surface is extremely dangerous. Keep your vehicles off the ice. Sixty-five percent of ALL ice-related deaths are vehicle

related, including snowmobiles, ATVs and cars.

Here are some key points to remember

■ **NO ice** is considered absolutely safe.

■ **DO NOT** judge ice on thickness alone.

■ **Water on top of ice** is considered a DANGER sign.

■ **Water depth, size, and pollution** are all key factors.

Most people who enjoy activities like ice fishing and ice skating do so without giving too much thought to the possibility of an unexpected immersion or submersion. The more often and the longer the activity is being done, the less likely people are to maintain proper safety procedures to prevent an incident. That's just human complacency. Our goal is to "educate and prevent" an incident from happening.

Here is a list of items we recommend you have with you while having fun on the ice.

■ **Always wear adequate thermal protection.**

■ **Wear a personal flotation device (PFD).**

■ **Wear a helmet for head protection.**

■ **Have various ice holes to monitor ice depth and ice quality.**

■ **Keep loads spread out.** Do not congregate in one central location.

■ **Ensure children have adult supervision.**

■ **Have a cell phone for emergencies.**

■ **Keep all vehicles off the ice.**

■ **Do not stay on the ice at night.**

■ **Look for water on the ice or moving water.**

If an immersion happens most people think that their swimming abilities will save them. This is not true and drowning statistics support this. The shock of the immersion and the extreme cold water temperature quickly drop your core body temperature and your swimming ability is decreased. A victim can submerge in as little as 20 to 60 seconds and usually does not scream for help. The three stages of hypothermia set in and each stage brings you a step closer to drowning or death. This is the primary reason for wearing a personal flotation device and thermal protection while on the ice.

In the event of an emergency, immediately call 911 and request the Fire Department. The WPFES has extensive training and experience with ice rescue events.

Firefighters are trained and certified in ice rescue and drill throughout the winter using various scenarios. To perform an ice rescue takes a tremendous amount of training and skill. It's not "just jump" in the water and swim to the victim. There are many high-risk factors that must be taken into account.

Managing the scene can be a monumental undertaking. Scene



factors include firefighter safety, fire team safety and victim safety.

It takes an entire team to perform a single ice rescue. There must be backup rescue teams and haul/rigging teams, who manage the rope rigging portions. Our firefighters complete three levels of certification to be certified as Ice Rescue Technicians. Many of them have also completed the Advanced Ice Rescue certification.

WPFES is available to discuss the potential dangers and risk factors with any group or organization. Contact us at 938-2043.

We would like everyone to make sure they wear the appropriate protection while enjoying their favorite activity. Please be sure to wear all your safety gear so we do not have to wear ours! Be safe and enjoy the rest of the winter.



Cadets get tasty Spanish lesson

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Cadets in their second semester of first year Spanish got an added twist when they combined their mastery of the language with Spanish cooking Jan. 25 at the cadet mess hall here.

Two experienced cadet mess hall cooks, Nelson Arroyo and Ramon Peraltb, who happen to speak Spanish, showed the cadets how to make Huevos Rancheros [eggs ranch style], a classic Mexican breakfast dish made with lightly fried corn tortillas, fried eggs and tomato chili sauce.

They also made Plantanos, [boiled bananas], salsa and salad.

The cooks explained in Spanish what they were doing and how to prepare the food. As part of their preparations, the cooks cut mixed tomatoes in a volcanic stone mixing bowl called a Molcajete, similar to ones used by ancient Aztecs and also explained the significance of

the traditional bowl.

"This is the first year we have done something like this," said Maj. Andrew MacLean, a Spanish instructor in the Department of Foreign Languages. "By allowing the cadets to develop their senses of the smell, touch and taste using Spanish cooking allows them to retain more of the language."

Peraltb, who has been a cook here for five years, said "I enjoy cooking and I really enjoy teaching cadets."

Cadet 3rd Class Andrew Rinehart said he thought he was picking up the language easier by interacting with the cooks and by the other tools used in Spanish class.

"All cadets must take a [minimum of one] year of a foreign language," Rinehart said, "and Spanish is one of the easiest to learn."

"We also use online tools such as the Rosetta Stone [a language emersion software] outside of class and exercises in class. I think I'm



Cadet Mess Hall cook Nelson Arroyo shows Spanish [LS 204] cadets how to cut into a chili pepper and describes what he is doing in Spanish. The lesson aids in Spanish language skills by using the senses of smell, touch and taste, which allow cadets to retain more of the language.

picking it up at a pretty good pace," he added.

"Advanced classes go on field trips, but with beginning and smaller classes, having Spanish or any language spoken while [explaining what they are] cooking or any other similar activity is an excellent learning tool," MacLean said. "Hopefully, this can be used with other languages. Other tools we use in class are bringing things in that were picked up by teachers or cadets in a Spanish country [and discussing them in Spanish], so that is also helpful."

The cooks received a Superintendent's coin as recognition for their help with these classes. This was the fourth class that Peraltb and Arroyo have taught in two weeks, taking time out of their



Mess Hall cooks Ramon Peraltb [left], using a Molcajete, and Nelson Arroyo prepare Spanish food for LS204 cadets.

Cadet Combat Weapons Team trains to fight

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Cadet Combat Weapons Team, sponsored by the Directorate of Cadet Activities and the Department of Military Instruction here, held one of their practices in weapons shooting Saturday at Camp Shea.

The team generally practices whenever they can, at least three or four times a week, during their personal time.

The purpose of the team, according to DMI instructor and team Officer in Charge, Maj. Brendan Raymond, is to have cadets become subject matter experts in the field of individual and team tactical shooting.

"The training gives the cadets augmented realism for preparation for real military situations," Raymond said. "Knowing something about weapons will give the cadets creditability within the platoon when they are deployed. We are not training individuals.



Cadet 2nd Class Jonathan Smith at CWT training.
KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

It is more of a collective training. This way they learn to plan, prepare and give orders."

Cadets receive training on the use of the Colt M-4 Carbine and M-9 Berretta and also gain some experience with shotguns and Uzis.



Cadet 2nd Class Hans Beutel [foreground], Cadets 3rd Class Edgaras Varnelis [middle] and Jason Pomeroy are ready to enter a room during Cadet Combat Weapons Team practice at Camp Shea Saturday.
KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

The team has also received first-hand training from agencies outside of West Point.

"We have practiced with the New York State Mobile Response team, part of the New York State Troopers, who are trained for hostage and rescue raid tactics and to respond to almost any situation; New York Emergency Services; New Hampshire SWAT teams and the Federal Bureau of Investigations," said Cadet 2nd Class and public affairs officer for the team, Preston Patton. Patton also furthered his knowledge in combat weaponry use when he went on a trip section to Quantico, Va., and worked with the FBI for training during his plebe year.

Cadets can try out for the CWT within a month of arriving at West Point. There are currently 27 members on the team and

qualifying can be daunting.

"Team members need to be physically fit," said Cadet 1st Class



Cadet 3rd Class Mike Rodgers practices how to breach a window as a diversion at a SWAT conference in Delaware.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY CWT

Clayton Hendon. "They go through a one-day physical tryout and then three days of physical workouts. We take a look at their academic performance as well. We had 76 cadets try out this [academic] year and we chose nine. The team also goes through classroom instruction for six months before shooting."

The CWT cadets are often

asked to train others like staff and faculty who may need a refresher course in weapons and tactics before being deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

"People come to us for support. We may be able to give them ideas that will benefit them," Hendon said. "We start out with marksmanship [and] then [add] weapons handling."

The CWT is involved in several competitions during the year including the Service Academy Combat Weapons competition in the spring.

The team will also host the second annual Houghton Memorial 3-Gun Challenge at West Point March 24. The match, which will be held on three different ranges, consists of eight stages using rifles, pistols and shotguns along with three divisions: limited shoot, tactical shoot and open shoot.



Cadet 3rd Class Jason Pomeroy [left] and Cadet 2nd Class Marcus Smith enter a room with guns drawn at CWT practice.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



FEBRUARY MWR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit MWR online at www.usma.edu/mwr

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<div>4<div></div><div>Put your thoughts on ICE Interactive Customer Evaluation https://ice.disa.mil Keyword: USMA</div></div>	<div>5<div></div><div>Spring Sports Registration Begins, 10am-2pm (ages 4-18) YC Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS Parent & Me, 9:30-10:45 (18 mos-4 yrs) YC BGCA Web Design, 2:15pm, YC</div></div>	<div>6<div></div><div>Spinning, 5:40am, Group Pump, 9am, Cardio Blast, 5pm, PiYo, 6:45pm, Every Tuesday at the MWR Fitness Center Chess Club, 7-8pm, YC (Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27)</div></div>	<div>7<div></div><div>Re-Entry Workshop, 10:30am, Newcomers Welcome Brief, 9:30am, ATBF Training Level I, 5:30pm, ACS</div></div>	<div>8<div></div><div>Parent & Me, 9:30-10am (ages 2-4) YC B&G Awards Ceremony, 10am, ACS Parent Advisory Meeting, 12-1pm, CDC</div></div>	<div>9<div></div><div>Free Ski/Snowboard Lesson, 2-5pm, WP Ski (Soldiers Only) Valentine's Day Party, 6-9pm, YC (grades 6-12) Sam Adams Beer Dinner & Live Music, 6-9pm, WP Club</div></div>	<div>10<div></div><div>Pure Energy Step, 8am, Spinning, 10am, Every Saturday at the MWR Fitness Center</div></div>
<div>11<div></div><div>Open Skate, 3:30-5pm, Tate Rink Staff & Faculty Hockey Program, 8:15-10:45pm, Tate Rink</div></div>	<div>12<div></div><div>Video Teleconferencing, 8am-4:30pm, ACS Wee Ones Play Group, 9:30-11am, ACS Parent & Me, 9:30-10:45 (18 mos-4 yrs) YC</div></div>	<div>13<div></div><div>Preseparation Briefing, 2-3pm, ACS</div></div>	<div>14<div></div><div>Valentine's Day Theater Matinee, 2-3pm, ACS Valentine's Day Dinner, 6-9pm, WP Club</div></div>	<div>15<div></div><div>Parent & Me, 9:30-10am (ages 2-4) YC Theater Van to Broadway, 5-11pm Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner, 6-9pm, YC (grades 6-12)</div></div>	<div>16<div></div><div>Museums in NYC, 9am-5pm, ITR Soul Food Celebration for Black History Month, 3pm, SAS (grades 1-5)</div></div>	<div>17<div></div><div>Waiting Families Support Group, 5-7pm, ACS, Held @ Bldg. 500</div></div>

Solution to Weekly Sudoku								
1	4	5	8	7	9	2	6	3
2	9	7	6	3	1	8	5	4
3	8	6	2	5	4	1	9	7
7	6	4	3	1	5	9	2	8
8	5	2	4	9	6	3	7	1
9	1	3	7	8	2	5	4	6
4	7	9	1	2	8	6	3	5
6	2	1	5	4	3	7	8	9
5	3	8	9	6	7	4	1	2

WPMS drafts improvement plan

Submitted by
West Point Middle School

West Point Middle School has drafted a school improvement plan as part of the DODEA school improvement process and community strategic plan. The plan, which was created after a thorough data analysis process, has two major goals:

■ All students will improve their writing skills across the curriculum.

■ All students will improve their editing skills across the curriculum.

The formation and implementation of this plan is a major component of WPMS's accreditation. The accrediting organization for all DODEA schools is the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement [NCA-CASI, often referred to as NCA]. The NCA web site provides a wealth of information on the process, www.ncacasi.org.

The West Point Schools will have an initial, "observation and feedback" visit this month. The middle school visit will take place Feb. 12 and 13. The elementary visit will occur Feb. 14 and 15. The purpose of the visit is to observe the school improvement process in action and provide feedback to the school and community about their efforts.

As is often the case at our school, we are fortunate to have several parent volunteers participating in our school improvement efforts. Please contact Principal David Rudy if you would like to participate in the process.

Our Mission Statement: West Point Middle School strives to provide all learners with exemplary educational programs that inspire life-long learning in a global environment.

NCO, Soldier of the Quarter



Sgt. Ashley M. Gallagher



Pfc. Mark A. Gonzalez

Military Police Sgt. Ashley M. Gallagher and MEDDAC Pfc. Mark A. Gonzalez were awarded the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Jan. 25.

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Heroism award

JROTC cadet Taylor Smith received a heroism award for saving a young man from the raging waters of the Lehigh River while on a rafting trip June 12, 2005. Pictured are: front row, Taylor's sister, Katie; back row [l to r], Mom Lori, Taylor, Dad Lt. Col. Michael Smith and sister, Rosie.

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What's Happening

Supe's semi-annual command brief

The Superintendent's semi-annual command interest briefing is scheduled for Feb. 23 from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in Thayer Hall's Robinson Auditorium.

IAW USMA Reg. 600-1, this briefing is mandatory for all officers, all non-commissioned officers, [E-7 and above] and civilian employees [GS-9 and above].

Others who wish to attend should coordinate with their activities.

Everyone must be seated by 12:40 p.m.

The briefing will be broadcast live on the Command Channel and will be rebroadcast Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. and Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Book signing

Robert Kaplan will be signing his books 'Balkan Ghosts' and 'Imperial Grunts' Feb. 9 from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the USMA bookstore on the fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

Jazz concert, food tasting

In celebration of African American Heritage Month, the U.S. Military Academy will host a joint concert featuring the Jazz Knights and the USMA Cadet Gospel

Choir with guest drummer Dennis Mackrel Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Eisenhower Hall ballroom.

There will be a soul food tasting beginning at 4 p.m.

DUSA grant applications

DUSA community welfare grant applications are now being accepted through Feb. 15.

Application forms are available at the DUSA Gift Shop and by e-mailing My5boysk8@aol.com.

For more info., contact Corey Knowlton at (845) 446-2205.

National Prayer Breakfast

There will be a National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 15 at the West Point Club from 6 to 7:20 a.m.

The guest speaker will be 2003 USMA grad Capt. Scott Smiley, who lost his eyesight to injury in Iraq.

For more information contact the Cadet Chaplain's office at 938-3412, the Community Chaplain's office at 938-2003 or the USMA Chaplain's office at 938-3316.

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Red Cross needs your stories

The American Red Cross at West Point is looking for interesting true stories from anyone who has had an uplifting experience with the American Red Cross or Armed Forces Emergency Services.

Contact Michelle Strom, the area director for the WP ARC, at [845] 938-4100.

Red Cross classes

To register for any of the classes below, go to www.nyredcross.org or call 800-514-5103.

CPR/AED Adult

Feb. 13, 5 to 10 p.m.

Standard First Aid w/CPR AED Adult

Feb. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CPR Child & Infant

Tues. and Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m.

Standard First Aid training w/ the ARC

Feb. 15, 6 to 10 p.m.

CPR/AED

for the professional rescuer

March 4, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

First Aid for Cats and Dogs

March 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

U. S. Military Academy Band West Point, New York

Guest Artist Series featuring

Marni Nixon

The Voice of Hollywood



February
2nd
7:30 p.m.

Nixon won two Grammys, four Emmys and is widely known in opera, Broadway, TV and movies. Her title, "The Voice of Hollywood," came as she dubbed the singing voices of Natalie Wood in *West Side Story*, Audrey Hepburn in *My Fair Lady* and Deborah Kerr in *The King and I*. Come hear her sing selections from these renowned movies accompanied by the U.S. Military Academy Band.

Eisenhower Hall Theatre

Free and Open to the Public

See schedule at
www.usma.edu/band
or call 845-938-2617

The West Point Women's Club
presents
Viva Las Vegas Night
February 23, 2007 - The Thayer Hotel
7:00pm to Midnight
Casino Gaming - Bingo - Silent Auction - Live Auction - Chinese Auction
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Keller Corner

Refractive Surgery seminar

The KACH ophthalmology service will conduct a Refractive Surgery Seminar Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Thayer Hall's Room 144.

This seminar is open to Cadets 2nd Class and Active Duty Army personnel interested in obtaining laser vision correction.

Find out how laser surgery works, the pros and cons of surgery and how to get treated here.

For more information on the

Cadet Refractive Eye Surgery Program, visit our Web page on the internal USCC Web site or call 938-2207.

KACH closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Feb. 16 and 19. The emergency room will remain open.

Free Developmental

screenings

Free Developmental screenings will be conducted at the Child Care Center in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and the West Point Schools for ages birth to five years old Feb. 22 from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Screenings will be by appointment only. Call 938-6868/2698 to schedule one.

Families PCsing overseas

If you are Active Duty moving overseas with your family members it is very important that you contact the Exceptional Family Member Program immediately. The EFMP office must screen all family members accompanying AD on overseas assignments. A delay in screening may contribute to a delay in family members traveling with their sponsors. Call 938-6881 for details and appointments.

Command Channel 8/23

Feb. 2 - Feb. 9

Friday
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Monday - Feb. 9
8:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
1 p.m. Army Newswatch
6 p.m. Army Newswatch

Deployment Health Services at KACH

By Christine Polao
Army Public Health Nursing, R.N.

Given the current operational tempo, Soldiers and civilian employees at West Point are often tasked to deploy into hostile areas in support of the Global War on Terrorism. In support of these missions, Keller Army Community Hospital offers comprehensive deployment healthcare for those individuals slated to deploy overseas, as well as those individuals recently returning from a deployment.

According to Maj. [Dr.] William D. Porter, chief of preventive medicine at KACH, during pre-deployment medical processing “an individual’s medical readiness is assessed by screening medical records, immunizations and other required items. This screening ensures that Soldiers arrive in theater medically prepared for the challenges they may face.”

Soldiers can maintain their individual medical readiness by logging into their Army Knowledge Online account and following the link to their personal medical readiness page. Readiness items are depicted with red/amber/green indicators and should alert Soldiers and their chain of command to issues that require resolution.

For Soldiers who have recently returned from deployment, the Post-Deployment Health Reassessment Program was mandated by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and was designed to identify and address health concerns, with a specific emphasis on mental health, that have emerged since deployment.

The PDHRA provides for a health assessment within three to six months after returning and uses DD Form 2900 [Post-Deployment Health Reassessment] to document deployment-related health concerns, assessments and referrals. The form itself can only be completed in an electronic or web-enabled format.

While the initial focus of the PDHRA program was those Soldiers who fell within the three- to six-month time period, the PDHRA is required for all Soldiers who have returned from an operational deployment since September 11, 2001.

Soldiers with deployment-related health questions, including individuals slated to deploy in the near future or anyone in their three- to six-month PDHRA window following a deployment, should contact the KACH Department of Preventive Medicine and Wellness at 938-2676 for more information.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater
at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday -- The Pursuit of Happyness, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Friday -- Apocalypto, R, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday -- We Are Marshall, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday -- Children of Men, R, 9:30 p.m.

Feb. 9 -- Charlotte’s Web, G, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 9 -- The Pursuit of Happyness, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

The theater schedule can also be found at www.aafes.com.

Army and Community Sports

Ross leaves coaching post, will retire

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

The football coaching fraternity lost one of its most respected members as Bobby Ross announced his retirement from coaching Monday.

Ross, who built championship programs at both the collegiate and professional levels during a decorated coaching career that spanned five decades, recently completed his third season as head football coach at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

During his three years at the Army helm, Ross guided the Black Knights to a record of 9-25 (.265).

After inheriting a program that had registered just four wins in its previous 36 contests (spanning four seasons), his Army squads posted records of 2-9 in 2004, 4-7 in 2005 and 3-9 in 2006.

The Black Knights have captured seven of their last 17

contests overall with eight of their 12 games last season decided by two touchdowns or less.

"Coach Ross improved our program dramatically," said Army athletic director Kevin Anderson. "Sometimes, the true story of progress isn't fully told by the number of wins and losses. I believe in this case the job coach has done here has been well performed."

A head coach in the college ranks for 15 years prior to serving successful stints directing the San Diego Chargers and the Detroit Lions in the National Football League, Ross led Georgia Tech to a national title and the Chargers to a Super Bowl.

He compiled a record of 103-101-2 (.505) in 18 seasons as a college head coach, which also included stops at The Citadel (1973-77), Maryland (1982-86) and Georgia Tech (1987-91).

He guided the Yellow Jackets to an 11-0-1 record and shared the national championship with

Colorado in 1990.

During nearly nine seasons at the helm of the Chargers (1992-96) and Lions (1997-2000), Ross authored a 77-68 overall record (.531).

His clubs reached the playoffs in three of his five years in San Diego, guiding the Chargers to their only American Football Conference title and Super Bowl appearance in 1994.

He also led the Lions to a pair of playoff showings, serving in the dual role of head coach and vice president for football operations. Before heading to the professional ranks, Ross fashioned a 24-31 record (.436) in five years as head coach at The Citadel, a 39-19-1 record (.669) in five years at Maryland and a 31-26-1 record (.543) in five years at Georgia Tech.

Ross will be replaced by Stan Brock, who played for Ross with San Diego from 1993 to 1995. Brock is thrilled at the opportunity to take over from a coach he highly respects.

"Coach Ross laid a bedrock foundation here and he showed us all how to get there," Brock said. "It's a great honor to have Coach Ross show the confidence he had to recognize me to be the next football coach here at West Point."

Ross told his players of his decision Sunday in a gathering at Washington Hall. While some players were upset, they also understood the emotional 70-year-old's situation.

"He told us that age was catching up and he was feeling very tired, more than normal," said junior safety Caleb Campbell.

While some of the underclassmen were upset with the mindset of Ross leaving, said Campbell, the 2007 seniors stayed after the meeting to discuss the issue with the underclassmen.

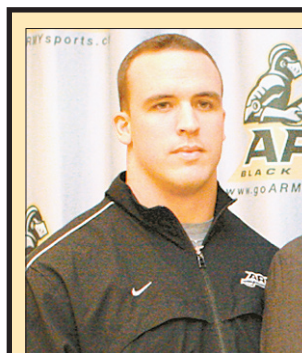
"I told the team that we're the players and it's out of our control, and it's not our job to worry about this," Campbell said. "It's a distraction, but we can't make it a distraction. We're players and we're here to perform on the field."

Campbell was upset at losing a great coach, however, he said he totally respected [Ross's] decision and was just happy to have gotten the chance to play for him the past three years.

"I'm very fortunate to have been able to play for Ross,"

Campbell explained. "Ross changed everyone's [attitude], he instilled in each one of us the confidence and belief that we are Division I athletes and that we could play with the best teams in America.

"Personally, the confidence he showed in me that I could play with any safety in America helped me perform my best," Campbell added, "that's the greatest thing he gave to me."



Caleb Campbell

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After three years at Army, Bobby Ross retired from coaching Monday after a 9-25 record with the Black Knights from 2004 to 2006.

Brock named new head football coach

Story and photo by
Eric S. Bartelt
Sports Editor

“Sure there will be something different, there will be a 6’6” guy as the head coach,” said new Army head coach Stan Brock, answering a question about what will look different with Army football in 2007.

Academy leaders signaled a continued commitment to gridiron excellence when Brock was named the successor to Bobby Ross, who announced his retirement from coaching Monday.

Brock served as the offensive line coach on Ross’ staff for the past three years and brings more than 25 years of playing and coaching experience to the position. Brock is the 35th head football coach at West Point.

“I’m very excited about the opportunity to serve as head coach at Army -- this is the opportunity of a lifetime and West Point is a special place,” Brock said. “I’m honored that the administration at the academy offered me the position and thinks enough of me to lead this program.”

Though the move was earlier than anticipated, Brock’s elevation to the top job was the product of an extensive search process initiated last fall by the academy’s Superintendent and Athletic Director, with help from Ross.

“West Point is fortunate to have a proven leader with Coach Brock’s record of success,” said Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck. “We cast a wide net, but Stan’s name immediately rose to the top. Coach Ross weighed in early on Stan’s strengths as a future successor. He provides critical continuity and stability and has the respect of the

players, coaches and administration as a tough, principled visionary.”

Army Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson echoed Hagenbeck’s endorsement of the new coach, saying Brock is a proven role model who connects with the players and coaches.

“We believe strongly that Coach Ross has laid the foundation for our program’s future success. Hiring Stan allows us to continue the progress we’ve made the past three years,” Anderson said. “Continuity in a football program is extremely important and Stan will help us maintain the bedrock values we established under Coach Ross.”

Brock began his coaching career as head coach of the Portland Forest Dragons of the Arena Football League from 1997 to 1999, and then moved on to the Los Angeles Avengers of the AFL in 2000 through 2001. His record was 20-44 during his five years in the AFL.

Brock was a standout offensive lineman at the University of Colorado before he was drafted in the 1st round, 12th overall, in the 1980 National Football League draft by the New Orleans Saints. He would play 13 years with the Saints before moving on to the San Diego Chargers in 1993 and finished his 16-year NFL career in 1995.

While at San Diego, Brock played for Ross and said that without a doubt he was the best coach he played for in his 16 years.

“I played for five different coaches and no one coached more for you as a person than Bobby Ross,” Brock said. “He’s the greatest coach I had ever played for and he’ll be the best coach that’s ever been here at West Point, bar none.”



New Army head football coach Stan Brock (right) poses with Army athletic director Kevin Anderson after a media press conference Monday at Randall Hall Auditorium naming Brock as the successor to Bobby Ross.

The team should look much the same with only a few added wrinkles since Brock will continue the continuity on both sides of the ball that was established under Ross. Most of all, he believes that hard work is the best way to overcome any deficiencies as a team and it will reflect well on the field.

“My philosophy has always

been ‘put your hand in the dirt and come off the ball,’” Brock explained. “I believe in hard nosed football and that’s the way Coach Ross has always taught me. That’s the kind of attitude our players must have and I don’t care if it’s raining, muddy or hot, we’re coming off the ball.”

Junior center Trey Miranne has been under Brock’s guidance for three years and believes that Brock is the right man for the job.

“We’re excited about it,” Miranne said. “We have all the confidence in the world in him. I’ve worked with him a bunch. Right now as players we need to focus on what we need to do to get ready

physically for next season.”

Brock and his charges will benefit from Ross’ ability as the driving force to help secure the funding for the Foley Athletic Center, the practice indoor facility, that will have a tremendous impact on developing the team’s talent and future recruiting.

“The offseason is going better than in the past, especially because of the Foley Center,” Miranne said. “In the past, there would be a three-month lull where we couldn’t do any position work because the only running we could do was in Kimsey. Now, we can go out [to Foley] and do that, which is a huge boost for us.”

2007 Army Football Schedule

Sept. 1 at Akron	Oct. 13 at Central Michigan
Sept. 8 Rhode Island	Oct. 20 at Georgia Tech
Sept. 15 at Wake Forest	Nov. 3 at Air Force
Sept. 22 at Boston College	Nov. 9 Rutgers
Sept. 29 Temple	Nov. 16 Tulsa
Oct. 6 Tulane	Dec. 1 Navy (in Baltimore, Md.)

Home games in Bold

Kovaci named VB Coach

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Army Director of Athletics Kevin Anderson announced the hiring of Alma Kovaci as the next volleyball head coach at the U.S. Military Academy Jan. 26.

Kovaci becomes the seventh head coach in the program's 29-year history. Kovaci most recently served as the Black Knights' assistant coach during the past four years, playing a large role in Army reaching the Patriot League Tournament during each campaign.

She replaces Glen Conley who recently accepted a similar position at Kent State University.

"We are very excited to name Alma our head coach," Anderson stated. "Glen Conley did a tremendous job of building our program to a championship level and Alma played a large role

in achieving that success. We feel very strongly that Alma is one of the finest young coaches in the country. Without question, she is the person best suited to take our program to the next level."

As Conley's top aide, Kovaci helped produce the 2004 Patriot League "Player of the Year" (Caitlin Machon) and the conference's top player in 2005 (Abby Casciato).

The Tirane, Albania, native also guided two of the Patriot League's "Rookie of the Year" award winners. Current Black Knight standouts sophomore Elizabeth Lazzari took home the honor in 2005 and freshman Maureen Bannon was the recipient this past fall.

"I am extremely excited to be given this opportunity by Kevin Anderson to lead Army," Kovaci said. "Glen Conley was a tremendous mentor and prepared



Alma Kovaci

me very well to be a head coach. I am honored to be able to continue working with such an amazing group of women and I'm confident we will be able to build upon the success that I have experienced during my four years as an assistant coach."

Handball improves to 5-4

By Maj. Chris Springer
Handball OIC

Coming off a strong showing the previous weekend at the West Point Invitational, the West Point Men's Black team hit the ground running in handball league play Saturday and Sunday.

On the way to Lowell, Mass., the team hit a minor setback when one of the vans broke down and the team had to squeeze into one van.

However, the team was able to arrive right before their first game started and came away with a very convincing win over rival, the New

York Athletic Club.

In their second match of the day, the team fell to the skilled play of Chaudiere, but came away with some good experience. The next day, the squad faced a young Cortland team. Breaking away from the normal run and gun offense, the Black team slowed down their offense and ran primarily from the set offensive playbook. The team came away with some very solid flashes of brilliance against Cortland and learned a lot about relying on plays more.

Overall, West Point finished 2-1 on the weekend and moved

into third in the league standings (with a record of 5-4). This current standing sets them up for success heading into the playoffs soon where they plan to rattle some of the former league champions.

The next competition will be league play in Quebec City, Que., Feb 9-11.

Intramural update

Noontime basketball standings

as of Wednesday

North Division

	W - L		W - L
1. DAD/DIA	13 - 3	5. G&ENE/DFL	7 - 8
2. Sys. Engrs.	12 - 4	6. 3rd Reg.	6 - 9
3. SOSH	11 - 5	7. EE&CS	5 - 11
4. MEDDAC	9 - 6	8. Math #2	5 - 10
5. DMI	9 - 7	9. History	0 - 16
6. IETD	7 - 9		
7. BS&L	6 - 9		
8. Math #1	2 - 13		
9. DPE	1 - 14		

South Division

	W - L
1. D/Law/SJA	14 - 2
2. English	12 - 3
3. BAND	11 - 5
4. Physics	10 - 6

Unit basketball standings

as of Wednesday

	W - L
1. MEDDAC	12 - 1
2. USMC #1	10 - 2
3. USMC #2	6 - 6
4. BAND	4 - 7
5. MPs #2	3 - 9
6. 1/1	1 - 11